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For: BRAKE DRUM FOR WET-TYPE BAND BRAKE DRUM AND

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.